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A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE GEORGIA POWER COMPANY AND ALL OTHER PARTIES INVOLVED TO LOWER THE COST OF THE PROPOSED GREEN ENERGY TARIFF; TO ENCOURAGE THE GEORGIA POWER COMPANY TO SEEK THIRD PARTY ACCREDITATION FOR THE PROPOSED GREEN ENERGY TARIFF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company is proposing to offer a green energy program to its customers and is seeking Public Service Commission approval of a Green Energy Tariff for a portfolio of renewable energy resources, including biomass, wind and solar resources to enable customers to purchase renewable energy at a premium price; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta recognizes the benefits of a clean, renewable energy supply; and

WHEREAS, most of the electricity produced in Georgia comes from coal, a significant source of air pollution that impacts human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, encouraging the development of clean, renewable energy resources will reduce the impact of electricity generation on Georgia's residents and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta can play an important role in attracting clean energy resources to our City and help reverse the problem of air pollution by subscribing to Georgia Power's Green Energy Tariff; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Power Green Energy Tariff is proposed at a rate of \$6 per 100 kilowatt-hour block, making it the fifth most expensive program in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Green Energy Tariff does not yet incorporate "premium" renewable resources such as solar or wind resources to the degree that would justify this price premium; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta recognizes that such a high price premium may prevent customers, including the City itself, from subscribing to the Green Energy Tariff for its own electricity needs; and

WHEREAS, many cities throughout the United States already have access to affordable clean energy programs similar in composition to the proposed Green Energy Tariff; and

WHEREAS, third party verification and accreditation of the Green Energy Tariff will inspire consumer confidence, national recognition and program integrity.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE **CITY OF ATLANTA as follows:**

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Atlanta supports the concept of an affordable green energy tariff and encourages Georgia Power Company and all other parties involved to seek a lower cost Green Energy Tariff than that currently proposed.

SECTION 2. The Council of the City of Atlanta strongly encourages Georgia Power Company to continue to seek third party accreditation for its Green Energy Tariff by the Green-E national accreditation board.

**ADOPTED by the Council** RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

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